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SUBJ: UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT TITO MAY VISIT USSR IN
SEPTEMBER

RUMORS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING IN BELGRADE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS
THAT PRESIDENT TITO WOULD PAY A VISIT TO THE USSR SOON AFTER
HUA HAD LEFT YUGOSLAVIA. THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF SUCH A
VISIT, AND ONLY 10 DAYS AGO A SENIOR SOVIET DIPLOMAT TOLD US
THERE WERE "NO PLANS" FOR A TITO VISIT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY
OFFICER WAS TOLD AUGUST 29 BY ANOTHER SOVIET DIPLOMAT THAT THE
VISIT DEFINITELY WILL TAKE PLACE, IN SEPTEMBER, POSSIBLY TO
MINSK, A CITY TITO HAS NEVER VISITED AND WHICH HAS A "GREAT
PARTISAN TRADITION." THE SOVIET DIPLOMAT SAID DATES FOR THE
VISIT HAVE NOT YET BEEN FIXED. TIMING IS COMPLICATED BY
VARIOUS COMINGS AND GOINGS HERE IN SEPTEMBER, INCLUDING THE
PLANNED VISIT OF THE KING OF SWEDEN. HOWEVER, THE SOVIET
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DIPLOMAT WAS PRECISE IN STATING THAT THE VISIT WOULD TAKE
PLACE. ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE A STATE VISIT OR NOT, THE
SOVIET REPLIED HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A "COMRADELY VISIT,"
RATHER THAN A STATE VISIT.
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